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SUBJECT: MBFR: OPPOSITION STATEMENT AT OPENING OF THE NEGOTIATIONS

DURING OCTOBER 31 PRIME TIME GERMAN TV DOCUMENTARY ON MBFR
NEGOTIATIONS, CDU/CSU DEFENSE SPOKESMAN MANFRED WOERNER SAID
CDU/CSU WAS NOT OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO MBFR BUT INTENDED TO
MONITOR THE NEGOTIATIONS CAREFULLY TO GUARD AGAINST THE FOLLOWING
FOUR DANGERS TO WESTERN SECURITY.

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1. THE CONCEPT OF "BALANCE" MUST EFFECTIVELY GOVERN THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN VIEW OF EXISTING DISPARITIES BETWEEN EAST-WEST FORCES.

2. THE WEST MUST RESIST INEVITABLE SOVIET EFFORTS TO DECOUPLE US STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM THE AMERICAN AND ALLIED CONVENTIONAL TROOP PRESENCE IN CENTRAL EUROPE; I.E., THE NATO STRATEGY OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE AND FORWARD DEFENSE MUST NOT BE ERODED AS A RESULT OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.

3. THE NEGOTIATIONS MUST NOT LEAD TO THE CREATION OF A DE FACTO OR DE JURE DISARMAMENT ZONE OF SPECIAL STATUS IN CENTRAL EUROPE, AS THIS WOULD COMPLICATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL INTEGRATION OR DEFENSE COOPERATION, COULD AFFORD THE SOVIET UNION A PRETEXT FOR INTRUSION AND COULD RESULT EVENTUALLY IN THE NEUTRALIZATION OF WEST GERMANY.

4. THE GREATEST DANGER IS THAT THE WEST COULD PERMIT ITSELF TO NEGOTIATE UNDER TIME PRESSURE AS A RESULT OF PRESSURES FOR UNILATERAL TROOP REDUCTIONS IN THE AMERICAN CONGRESS. THE CDU/CSU WILL SPEAK UP FORCEFULLY SHOULD ANY OF THESE FOUR DANGERS BECOME MANIFEST IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.
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